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Although Tentative Agreement Is Reached, It Is Felt Best to Let Bill Go Over.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Although another tentative agreement on the Underwood Muscle Shoals leasing bill was reached today by the conferees, administration leaders in the house and senate made it clear that they regarded this legislation as a dead issue for this session.

The new report, under the plans of Chairman Keyes and McKenzie, of the senate and house managers, will be signed tomorrow and presented in the senate at the first opportunity. While conference reports have right of way under the rules, Senator Keyes said he would not attempt to interfere with any important pending legislation.

Some of the Republican leaders in the senate who consistently have supported the Underwood measure throughout its stormy course on the floor, now have taken the position what it is just as well that the whole Muscle Shoals question go over until the next session so that the executive department meantime can prepare a measure which will harmonize the conflicting views of high administration officials.

The measure as it passed the senate was rewritten in conference with that purpose in view and it was as a result of this rewriting that senate sustained a ruling of President Cummins under which the bill went back to conference for the elimination of the new matter inserted in violation of senate rules.

As agreed upon tentatively today by the conferees, the new bill is practically identical with that originally passed by the senate. The managers on the part of the senate insisted upon the elimination from the first report of all points which they felt had been held by the senate to be new legislation.

By the time the conference report reaches the senate there will be at best but three and one-half more working days left and with opponents threatening a filibuster, leaders said that if the report were pressed to a conclusion the result might be the failure not only of pending general legislation, but also of some of the annual supply bills which must be put out of the way before adjournment on March 4.

Radio Stories for March, a Macfadden publication. As you sit at your radio haven't you wished that you could meet your favorites face to face, could watch them as they broadcasted? Radio Stories gives you that intimate touch you have always wanted. It shows you the human side of radio. It tells you of the personalities behind the programs and lets you see the faces behind the voices. Among the articles and stories are: "The Spark of Life," "How the Radio Franks Put Themselves Over," and "Why Concert Stars Oppose Radio."

Emotional Insanity Is Plea Of Watson in Killing Case

Charlotte, Feb. 25.—Having his hope of vindication on a plea of "temporary emotional insanity," Thomas E. Watson, Greensboro, traveling salesman, today went on trial in Mecklenburg Superior Court for the murder of Joseph E. McDonough, whom he caught Sunday night, February 15th, in a room with Mrs. Watson at the Selwyn Hotel here. Watson this afternoon went on the stand and in a broken voice related his version of the tragedy, his story being often interrupted as he was seized by fits of weeping and sobbing racked his body.

Introduction of evidence was completed shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon and the jury was locked up for the night. Arguments will begin at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and it was suggested this evening that the case probably will go to the jury about 1 o'clock tomorrow. The trial started shortly before noon today. The defense offered few witnesses, Watson being the principal witness, and the state offered but two.

Two Greensboro men, including Frank Boyles, vice president and cashier of the American Exchange National Bank; G. O. Ralls, merchant, and two former Greensboro ministers, Dr. J. H. Barnhardt, now pastor of Tryon Street Methodist Church, and Rev. E. P. Billups, pastor of Duckword Memorial Church, went on the stand and gave Watson a good character. The testimony of these men was not attacked by the state. Watson went on the stand shortly after court convened this afternoon and for nearly two hours told of the case and the events leading up to the fatal shooting.

He was subjected to a grueling cross-examination by Jake Newell, employed by McDonough's people to aid in the prosecution, who apparently "rattled" him several times when questioning him about his divorce from his first wife.

In his statement to the jury Watson declared that when he went into the Selwyn Hotel room he had no thought of murdering McDonough. His plan, he said, was to have the couple arrested, locked up and then to send for Mrs. Watson's father.

"When I saw them together in the room I went mad," he declared, saying

that he had no recollection of just how he shot down his wife's lover.

Responding to a question by his attorney as to whether he went into the room to kill McDonough, he replied in a clear, firm voice, "No, sir, I did not."

Watson then related practically the same story of his married life and the events culminating in the shooting as that published by the Daily News immediately after the shooting. He was at a loss for the proper words to explain to the jury the effect that seeing his wife in negligee costume and McDonough partially undressed had upon him. The defense played on this idea. That the shock of coming face to face with the situation temporarily unbalanced his reason and for that reason he was not responsible for his action and therefore should not be accountable for the slaying.

The state made an effort to get across to the jury the idea that Watson married his present wife before he had been divorced by the first Mrs. Watson. The defendant could not give a definite answer to leading questions concerning this divorce, admitting that he probably was cohabiting with No. 2 before he had been divorced by the first wife. The state apparently was trying to establish the fact that Watson was guilty of living practically the same kind of life that brought McDonough to his death.

Watson also told the court of getting his young daughter, by his first wife, after the divorce and keeping her since that time, a major part of the time in school. The child was in court for a part of the time today. Watson wept copiously when talking of the little girl, who apparently was unable to comprehend the tragedy that was being enacted before her eyes.

L. E. Moser, Charlotte detective, who was called in on the case after the shooting told of a visit to the hotel room. Watson, he said, was acting irrationally and, in such a manner as to convince him that he was mentally unbalanced.

S. P. Dry, Charlotte detective, who was present at the time of the shooting, told of the actual killing. C. C. Wimbish, Greensboro private detective, state witness, said that he had talked with Watson about the case in Salisbury a

few hours before the shooting. Watson at that time, he said, did not appear to be in a vindictive mood.

The state, it was announced tonight, will not ask a first degree murder verdict but will press for a verdict of murder in the second degree or manslaughter.

Mrs. Watson, the cause of the trouble was in the court room throughout the day. Fashionably dressed, she appeared in good spirits and tears in her husband's eyes were not reflected in her own.

After court adjourned this evening, she chatted for some time with her father, J. M. Miller, of Texas, and Dr. E. D. C. Watson, of Florida, a brother of the defendant. Mr. Miller wept frequently while Watson was on the stand, especially when he told of his wife's recent dereliction.

Mrs. Watson is scheduled to be tried tomorrow in city court on a charge of immoral conduct, but it was said tonight that the trial probably will be postponed.

Solicitor Carpenter and Jake Newell represent the state. Watson was represented by John J. Parker and Conley Robinson.

Freshmen Not Eligible For Track Duty. Davidson, N. C., Feb. 25.—Members of the Freshmen class at Davidson College will not be allowed to take part in track meets here this season, it was announced here today by faculty advisers to the Athletic department, due to one of the inter-collegiate rulings.

Coach Tex Tilson plans, however, to have a fresh team meet with other first year teams and high school teams this spring. All freshmen will be eligible for this team and a large number of candidates are expected to report. A meet with the Charlotte high school team and the Winston-Salem high school team, as well as other teams in the State are being arranged.

There is growing resentment in England against commercialism in football. Many followers of the game feel that it is more a business than a sport, and they complain that they do not get value for their money.

Young Marullo, the New Orleans middleweight, will receive the acid test on the night of March 6, when he is to face Champion Harry Greb for 10 rounds in Detroit.

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All trains daily except trains 11 and 16 between Charlotte and Taylorsville, which are daily except Sunday. Sleeping car will be placed at Asheville for occupancy at 9:00 p. m. each night and handled Asheville to Salisbury, train 36. Passengers may get lunch and coffee on this train at Connelly Springs or Hickory. Train 110 between Charlotte and Winston-Salem, Sunday only, discontinued, February 22, 1925. These improved schedules give earlier arrival of passengers at Washington, Asheville and Memphis, as well as at other stations. Changes take place at intermediate stations not shown in the schedules above, and all persons should call on nearest agent for further detailed information relative to these changes and improved service, or address R. H. GRAHAM, Division Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.